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POULTRY FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether poultry farmers are currently facing a severe crisis with dwindling sales and mounting losses;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide subsidy to promote exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to check the falling egg prices in the domestic market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Representations have been received from Poultry Federations that poultry farmers are facing dwindling sales.Poultry is a State subject and egg and poultry products are freely marketed commodities.

(c) & (d): Air freight subsidy is being given on the export of hatching eggs. The rate of subsidy would be Rs.6 per kg. Or 25% of air freight approved by IATA or 30% of FOB value whichever is less for Export to West Asia, South East Asia and CIS countries.

(e): The following major steps have been taken to check the falling egg prices:

i. Financial assistance is provided to NGOs, Cooperatives, Public & Private Sector organisation for the development of poultry and egg products for domestic and export market.
ii. National Egg Coordination Committee is declaring egg prices.